

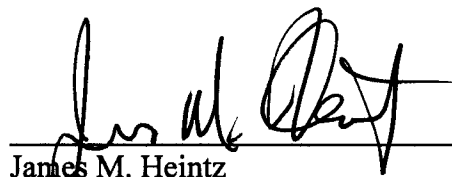
## **REMARKS**

The Applicants sincerely appreciate the Examiner's indication that the restriction requirement is withdrawn and that all the claims have been examined. The Applicants also appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter. The Claims have been amended accordingly. No new matter is believed to be added by the amendments. Entry and favorable consideration of same are kindly requested.

This application is now ready for allowance and issue. An early and favorable indication of same is kindly requested. If any issues remain which the Examiner deems are best resolved through an interview, he is kindly invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned counsel at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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